

# Fast Food Fax

APR 23, 2007

Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to moderate. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were well cleared; the balance of items was generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

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## Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 14-Apr-2007

| Weight Range        | 4.25 & Down | 4.26-6.25 | 6.26-7.75 | 7.76 & Up | Total   |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Total (000)         | 45,675      | 71,701    | 32,679    | 9,352     | 159,407 |
| W Avg Live Wgt      | 3.73        | 5.39      | 6.93      | 8.20      | 5.39    |
| Percentage of total | 29%         | 44%       | 21%       | 6%        | 100 %   |

| Fast Food and Food Service Sizes |                                 | No. of Head | Percentage of   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Live Weights                     | RTC WOG Weights                 | (000)       | Total Slaughter |
| 3.60 lbs. & Lighter              | Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.             | 7,986       | 5.01            |
| 3.61 - 3.80 lbs.                 | 2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.  | 8,265       | 5.18            |
| 3.81 - 4.00 lbs                  | 2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz. | 16,998      | 10.66           |
| 4.01 - 4.25 lbs.                 | 2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz  | 12,426      | 7.79            |
|                                  |                                 | 45,675      | 28.64           |

## BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

| Slaughter Week | Egg Sets |     | Chicks Placed |     | Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous |     | Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous |     | Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered |       |
|----------------|----------|-----|---------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|---|-------|
|                | (000)    | % * | (000)         | % * | (000)                      | % * | (000)                          | % * | (000)                                       | % * * |
| Feb 17         | 214,752  | 100 | 171,545       | 98  | 207,174                    | 97  | 168,456                        | 97  | 158,852                                     | 101   |
| Feb 24         | 213,547  | 98  | 172,115       | 99  | 212,187                    | 98  | 172,967                        | 99  | 159,213                                     | 100   |
| Mar 03         | 216,291  | 100 | 173,559       | 100 | 209,819                    | 99  | 171,178                        | 99  | 160,025                                     | 101   |
| Mar 10         | 215,215  | 99  | 174,744       | 99  | 211,319                    | 99  | 172,806                        | 99  | 161,346                                     | 101   |
| Mar 17         | 214,968  | 101 | 173,745       | 98  | 210,475                    | 99  | 171,642                        | 98  | 158,088                                     | 98    |
| Mar 24         | 215,412  | 102 | 175,472       | 99  | 211,204                    | 99  | 171,953                        | 99  | 158,447                                     | 100   |
| Mar 31         | 215,379  | 101 | 175,827       | 99  | 208,591                    | 97  | 170,798                        | 97  | 158,956                                     | 100   |
| Apr 07         | 218,304  | 101 | 176,441       | 101 | 210,236                    | 98  | 171,611                        | 98  | 154,029                                     | 97    |
| Apr 14         | 218,856  | 102 | 176,883       | 102 | 211,617                    | 99  | 172,634                        | 100 | 159,407                                     | 103   |

Data in bold are subject to revision \*Percent of previous year \*\*Percent change from previous week

| Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)                   | Majority | Current Week | Previous Week | Year Ago |
|--|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Week of 4/23/07</b>                             |          |              |               |          |
| <b>NEW YORK</b> Grade A Ice-packed                 | 72-76    | 75.39        | 75.39         | 49.96    |
| <b>CHICAGO</b> Grade A Ice-packed                  | 73-76    | 74.15        | 74.58         | 49.30    |
| <b>LOS ANGELES</b> Grade A Ice-packed              | 86       | 84.74        | 84.16         | 72.41    |
| <b>12-CITY COMPOSITE</b> Weighted Avg.             |          | 78.37        | 78.53         | 58.77    |
| <b>GEORGIA DOCK</b> FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 78.50) |          | 77.37        | 76.89         | 66.22    |
| <b>SOUTHERN STATES</b> FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.   |          | 69.60        | 69.19         | 35.74    |

| Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) | Northeast (Delivered) | Southern States (FOB) | Georgia (FOB)     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Weekly Weighted Average</b>  | <b>04/20/07</b>       | <b>04/20/07</b>       | <b>04/23/07</b>   |
| <b>Breast - B/S</b>             | 169.90                | 171.12                | 179.50            |
| <b>Tenderloins</b>              | 194.06                | 196.23                | 215.50 (Line run) |
| <b>Breast - Line Run</b>        | 105.23                | 104.56                | 108.50 (Whole)    |
| <b>Leg Quarters</b>             | 42.86                 | 41.59                 | 44.50             |
| <b>Wings</b>                    | 126.48                | 121.67                | 138.50            |

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